

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 1 Week 9

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

What tumultuous times we live in: Nuclear melt down and ten meter high Tsunami waves in Japan, Christchurch (or large parts of it) destroyed by not one but two huge earthquakes, anarchists revolt in London and most of the Middle-East in armed revolt.

It's times like this that we often re examine our own beliefs, faith and morals. We search in a sea of chaos for something solid and meaningful that we can cling to.

Our Catholic Special Character enables us to give our pupils, if not a map then a moral compass that helps them to plot the right direction even in the most turbulent of times. It is often said that more people seek out something greater, something that will continue to give meaning to their lives. We at St Mary's, and I think most people with Christian beliefs, have as a core belief the golden rule 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you'.

It is amazing how simple life becomes if we focus on this core principle. So when your child asks you a question about how they should act in a certain situation or you need to correct their behavior over a certain matter just pose the following question to them: "How would you feel if that happened to you?"

**Have a great week
Mike Brosnahan**

Sporting Success

Milo Cricket

Four boys from Room Seven were members of the combined cricket team that took part in the Milo Cup recently. After two narrow losses the boys put in a great effort in their last game crushing Taieri College by 8 wickets. Well done: Tom Hay, Leon Hoogenraad, Cameron Dyer and Kyle Burns.



Swimming

Our swimmers had a great meet at the recent Otago Primary Swimming Championships. Congratulations to Karen McNeilly, Laura Bungard, Michaela Sutherland and Cecilia Crooks. Also special mention to Cecilia who finished first in the ten year old girls 50m freestyle and second in the ten year old girls 50m backstroke and breast stroke—an excellent effort.



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

PTA News ...

Entertainment Books Have Arrived!

Same price of \$50.

Remember to ask friends and family members if they wish to purchase a book.

If you do not wish to keep the book please return it asap to the box in the foyer outside the office, as these can be sold to others who order one.

Welcome Cath Bowden to the PTA.

We have a meeting tonight at 7pm, in the staffroom, **all welcome.**

The Bunnings BBQ was successful and the two families that helped out had a fun time and made money towards their child's camp before the rain came!

Altar Servers—Sunday 3rd April

Josh Hyde, Lilly McKewen, Jaylah Kennedy.

Looking Ahead Term 1

April

- 1st - Teacher Only Day—school closed
- 5th Scholastic Orders Due
- 8th Room 5 Assembly with Room 3 Item 2.20pm
- 10th Working Bee 11am—1pm
- 14th BOT Meeting 7.30pm
- 15th Easter Liturgy

Teacher Only Day This Friday

School will be closed on Friday to enable our teaching staff to attend the gathering of Catholic teachers from throughout the Diocese that is being held in Gore.

This workshop is held every three years and enables our whole staff to up skill in all areas pertaining to our school's Catholic Special Character.

Room Six Assembly Last Friday



Winter Sports Information Due in by this Thursday!

If you are interested in your child playing a winter sport for St Mary's School we offer the following sports over winter:

Miniball for Yr 3 to Yr 6, this is held on a Monday for the Yr3/4 grades and Tuesday for Yr5/6 after school at Memorial Park Stadium. Cost about \$15

Basketball for Year 7/8, this is held at the Edgar Centre on a Monday after school. Cost is about \$50 as this includes the Edgar Centre entry fee.

Hockey for Yr 1 to Yr 8, this is held at Brooklands Park (opposite St Mary's School on Church St), every Saturday morning. Cost is about \$15.

Netball For Year 3 to Yr8, this is held at the Taieri College courts off Green Street, every Saturday morning. Cost is about \$15 per player.

More details about these sports will be available as it gets closer to the season starting.

Please indicate by this Thursday 31st March if you wish your child to play any of these sports, and if you are interested in coaching your child's team.

Reply by email with your child's details is great too. This way we can get our teams sorted according to availability of coaches and players.

Child's Name _____ DOB _____

Sport(s) I wish to play _____

I am available to coach a sports team **Yes / No**

Sport Type: _____

Signed by Parent _____

Room 7 Easter Raffle

To raise money towards the senior school camp, Room 7 children are selling raffles.

Prizes of Easter Baskets—Four Draws!

Cost is \$1 each.



A thought for the week...

"Your aspirations are your possibilities".

-Samuel Johnson